

Metz thanks civilians

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Lieutenant General Thomas Metz, commander, III Corps and Fort Hood visited the General Dynamics Regional Support Center to thank civilian contractors for their service and sacrifice.

Col Robert Bethea, Jr., commander, 3rd Signal Brigade, and Metz presented Certificates of Appreciation to 20 of the contractors and saluted them for their contribution to the team. One of the awardees, Larry Sinclair, said that,

"It was great that he took the time to come down here and show his appreciation," Sinclair said.

Four contractors were wounded in various mortar attacks during OIF II. Not one requested to return home; instead they elected to stay and continue the III Corps support mission.

That is why Metz came to the General Dynamics compound. He said he wanted to ensure that the civilians know their contribution is not only important, but vital to accomplishing the III Corps mission.